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Memorandum of Conversation

DATE: July 1, 1952

SUBJECT: The Secretary's Gratification at Progress Made in Recent Indian-Pakistani Talks Under IBRD Auspices Re Water Usage Problems of the Indus Basin.

PARTICIPANTS: Mohammad Ali, Ambassador of Pakistan
David K. Bruce, Acting Secretary of State
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The Acting Secretary told the Pakistan Ambassador that prior to his departure from the United States, Secretary Acheson had asked Mr. Bruce to express to the Ambassador the Secretary's gratification at the progress made at the technical level in the recent IBRD-sponsored discussions between Indian and Pakistani representatives over the use and development of waters in the Indus basin, in dispute between their respective countries. Mr. Bruce said that Mr. Eugene Black, President of IBRD, also had been pleased with progress made in the discussions. Mr. Bruce expressed the hope that further progress would be made in the second phase of the discussions to be held in the autumn as a cooperative solution to the question of water rights and distribution should redound to the mutual economic benefit of both India and Pakistan.

The Ambassador said that he too felt the discussions had been helpful, and that he hoped the future discussions would be as fruitful. He thought that Mr. Lillenthal's article in Collier's Magazine had been helpful in pointing up the problems to be faced in the Indus Basin and in indicating the possible benefits to be derived by both India and Pakistan from a cooperative approach to the questions of water usage and development.

Mr. Mohammad Ali also expressed the hope that equal progress could be made in settling the Keshmir problem.

The Ambassador said that he had just returned from a trip throughout the United States. He had been as far as the west coast, and on his return

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trip to Washington he had driven through some of our national parks in the far west. He expressed his pleasure at being in the United States and being able to travel about and see what made things "tick," as he said. Mr. Bruce and Mr. Mohammed Ali discussed in general terms the Ambassador's plans for attending the Chicago conventions and the Ambassador's impressions of Canada where he was previously the Pakistan High Commissioner. The Ambassador indicated that he thought the use of both French and English as official languages in Canada posed a problem. He said that although five different languages--Urdu, Bengali, Puenjabi, Hindi, and Pashtu--were used in Pakistan, English was now the official language, and he hoped that it would be kept as the only official language, since English is an international language and is generally understood by all educated Pakistanis.

Just prior to his departure the Ambasssador presented his new credentials signed by Queen Elizabeth, and Mr. Bruce reiterated the Department's gratification at the progress made in the IERD talks.

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